

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 41-49 are canceled. Support for the amendment to claim 1 may be found in Figs. 1 and 2, and paragraphs [0028]-[0036] and [0068], for example. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative Kip Werking by Examiner Hung during the June 25, 2008 personal interview is appreciated. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated into the remarks below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 and 41-49 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is moot with respect to canceled claims 41-49. Further, claim 1 is amended to obviate the Office Action's rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11 is respectfully solicited.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro (U.S. 5,748,773) in view of Toyoda (U.S. 2003/0067616); claims 2, 3, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Tashiro and Toyoda, in view of Kasutani (U.S. 7,236,652) and Sampath (U.S. 6,665,425); claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro, Toyoda, Kasutani, Sampath and further in view of TIFF6 (TIFF Revision 6.0, June 03, 1992, pp. 8, 9, 13-16); claim 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Tashiro and Toyoda and further in view of Chen (U.S. 6,941,121) and Maeda (U.S. 5,682,466); claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tashiro and Toyoda and further in view of Newman (U.S. 6,603,483) and Milton (U.S. 2003/0117639); claims 8, 41, 48 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tashiro and Toyoda, in view of Sindhu (U.S. 6,175,650); and claims 42-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) analogous to the rejection of their respective parent claims, but further in view of Sindhu. These rejections are moot with respect to canceled claims 41-49 and traversed with respect to the remaining claims.

The Office Action asserts that Tashiro discloses selecting one or more color calibration profiles. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Tashiro does not disclose or suggest distinguishing between a continuous and a halftone marking process ... distinguishing between an ink-jet marking process and a xerographic or offset marking process ... and ... distinguishing between a xerographic marking process and an offset marking process, as recited in claim 1.

As discussed during the personal interview, Tashiro merely discloses distinguishing between normal, reversal and gradation type images. See Fig. 11. Thus, Tashiro does not disclose or suggest distinguishing between a continuous and a halftone marking process ... distinguishing between an ink-jet marking process and a xerographic or offset marking process ... and ... distinguishing between a xerographic marking process and an offset marking process, as recited in claim 1. Accordingly, Tashiro does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1.

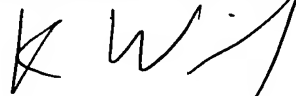
Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Toyoda, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton are silent regarding the feature discussed above. Thus, Tashiro, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1.

In view of the above, Tashiro, Toyoda, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton, individually or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1. Claims 2-11 ultimately depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Tashiro, Sindhu, Kasutani, Sampath, TIFF6, Chen, Maeda, Newman and Milton do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claims 1-11. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully solicited.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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